

## Chapter 6

### CLOTHING ALLOWANCES

#### 6.01 - Cross Reference to VAC Policies

The provisions of this Chapter should be read in conjunction with the following policies: [Allowances](#), [Date Payable – Disability Benefits, Allowances, Prisoner of War/Detention Benefit Compensation](#), [Pain and Suffering Compensation](#), and [Application to the Minister](#).

#### 6.02 - Wear and Tear of Clothing on Account of Use of Appliances

1. The requirements for the award of Clothing Allowances are laid down in Section 38 of the *Pension Act* or Section 60 of the *Veterans Well-being Act*.
2. The rates prescribed in subsection 38(6) of the *Pension Act* or Section 60 in accordance with Section 94 of the *Veterans Well-being Act* are subject to supplements based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI Supplement) in accordance with section 75 of the *Pension Act*. Awards shall be assessed in grades 1 to 10 as guided by the Table to Article 6.02.
3. The value assigned to each grade is published annually as adjusted to the Consumer Price Index.

TABLE TO ARTICLE 6.02			
<u>Type of Appliance</u>			<u>Rate</u>
1.	<b><u>Upper Extremity Appliances</u></b>		
	a)	Arm Brace #47	Grade 9
		Arm Brace #48	
	b)	Universal Hand Splint #40	Grade 10
		Drop Wrist Splint #46	
2.	<b><u>Spinal Appliances</u></b>		
	a)	Harris Brace #13	

		Taylor Brace #15	Grade 6
		Camp Hyperextension	
		Blair Hyperextension	
		Jewett Hyperextension	
		Jones Spinal	
		Steindler Spinal	
	b)	3/4 Taylor Brace	Grade 8
		Castex Body Cast	
		Plastic Body Corset	
	c)	Cervical Splint #51	Grade 9
	d)	Harris Brace #16	Grade 10  if wear and tear demonstrated
		Williams Flexion Brace	
		Goldthwait Spinal	
		Memphis Spinal	
		Orthopaedic Corset #9	
		Dorsolumbar (Ottawa Truss #888)	
		Dorsolumbar (Ottawa Truss #444) demonstrated	
3.	<b><u>Lower Extremity Appliances Rate</u></b>		
	a)	Leg Brace #69	Grade 4
		Paraplegic Braces #75	
	b)	Knee Cage (Jones) #68	Grade 5
		Thomas Caliper Splint #70	
	c)	Oxford Drop Foot Splint #59	Grade 6
		Drop Foot Splint #64	

		Drop Foot Splint #65	
		Miller Splint	
		Klenzak Drop Foot Splint	
		Pope Double Drop Foot Splint	
	d)	Ankle Brace #63	Grade 9
		Knee Corset Misc. "C"	
		(Gibson)	
	e)	Universal Ankle Brace #57	if wear and tear demonstrated  Grade 10
		Drop Foot Lifter #58	
		Drop Foot Lifter (wire) #60	
		Hinged Knee Cap (Ottawa Truss #969)	
		Laced Knee Cap (Ottawa Truss #971)	

### 6.03 - Wear and Tear of Clothing on Account of Amputation

The amounts to be paid for wear and tear clothing on account of amputation are fixed by Subsection 38(4)(5) and Section 75 of the *Pension Act* or the following policies: [Allowances](#), [Date Payable – Disability Benefits, Allowances, Prisoner of War/Detention Benefit Compensation](#), [Pain and Suffering Compensation](#), and [Application to the Minister](#), being Grade 4 for a single amputation and Grade 3 for a double amputation.

### 6.04 - Specially Made Wearing Apparel

The amounts to be paid for specially made wearing apparel are fixed by Subsection 38(8) and Section 75 of the *Pension Act* or the following policies: [Allowances](#), [Date Payable – Disability Benefits, Allowances, Prisoner of War/Detention Benefit Compensation](#), [Pain and Suffering Compensation](#), and [Application to the Minister](#), being Grade 4.

### 6.05 - Clothing Allowance for Soiling

The maximum clothing allowance payable for soiling is Grade 5 rates as prescribed in the following policies: [Allowances](#), [Date Payable – Disability Benefits, Allowances, Prisoner of War/Detention Benefit Compensation](#), [Pain and Suffering Compensation](#), and [Application to the Minister](#).